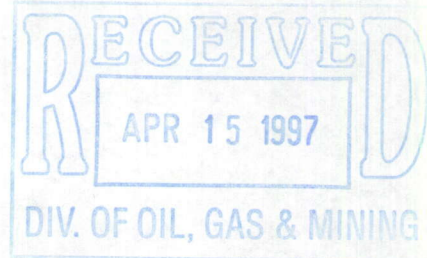


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April 4, 1997

**Mr. Lynn Kuntzler
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
355 West North Temple
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203**



Re: 1995 Mineral Exploration Progress Reports for the H.S Project (EXP/003/026), the K.B. Project (EXP/003/029), and the Tug Project (M/003/007).

Dear Mr. Kuntzler:

Enclosed please find copies of Western States Minerals Progress reports for the H.S. Project, the K.B. Project, and the Tug Project. Note that the Tug Project is still an exploration project and the annual report for this project is being submitted on form MR-EPR.

During 1996 the only exploration work performed was at the Tug Exploration Project which consisted of the excavation and backfilling of 5 trenches for total length of 100 ft. WSMC has not yet formalized our 1997 exploration plans for the Tug Project area. We will advise you as soon as any exploration plans are developed for 1997.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (702) 856-3339.

**Sincerely,
Western States Minerals Corporation**


**Larry D. Berg
Environmental Coordinator**

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